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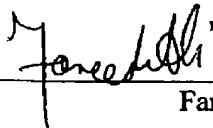
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.191, applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the November 25, 2005 Office Action finally rejecting claims in the above-identified application. The Director is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$500.00

for filing this appeal, to Deposit Account No. 50-0725, Ref. No. 00-117 US 37 C.F.R.  
§ 41.20(b)(1). Applicants have filed concurrently a petition for a two-month extension of time.  
With the extension, the Notice of Appeal is due on or before April 25, 2006.

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